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TAGS: PFOR, EG, LEBANESE SYRIAN CATHOLIC PATRIARCH REQUESTS GOE  
INITIATIVE ON LEBANESE CRISIS

1. CAIRO PAPERS DECEMBER 22 REPORT MEETING OF LEBANESE SYRIAN  
CATHOLIC PATRIARCH MAXIMO HAKIM WITH DEPPRIMIN/FONMIN FAHMY  
DECEMBER 21. MEETING ALSO ATTENDED BY LEBANESE AMBASSADOR TO  
EGYPT. MAXIMOS TOLD PRESS FOLLOWING MEETING THAT HE HAD  
CONVEYED TO GOE REQUEST FROM PRESIDENT FRANJIYA THAT EGYPT  
CALL FOR HIGH-LEVEL ARAB CONFERENCE TO DEAL WITH LEBANESE  
PROBLEM, WHICH LEBANESE SEEMINGLY UNABLE SOLVE ALONE. MAXIMOS  
REPORTEDLY SAID LEBANON IS TURNING TO EGYPT SINCE LEBANON WOULD  
ONLY TOLERATE OUTSIDE INTERVENTION IF IT WERE ARAB.

2. PATRIARCH SAID THAT DURING HIS VISIT, WHICH BEGAN DECEMBER  
20, HE WOULD MEET WITH COPTIC POPE AND GRAND SHAIKH OF AZHAR  
IN HOPE OF ARRANGING MEETING BETWEEN CHRISTIAN AND  
ISLAMIC SECTS OF VARIOUS ARAB COUNTRIES FOR PURPOSE OF  
DEMONSTRATING THAT CONFLICT IN LEBANON IS NOT OF  
RELIGIOUS ORIGIN, BUT IS "THE RESULT OF FOREIGN

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INTERFERENCE MASQUERADING AS SECTARIANISM." HE ALSO

REPORTEDLY MENTIONED THAT HE IS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF CALLING FOR CHRISTIAN-ISLAMIC-JEWISH CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS ISRAELI ATTEMPT ALTER CHARACTER OF JERUSALEM.

3. MAXIMOS SAID HE AUTHORIZED BY GOL TO ASK GOE USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH USG AND OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF ARCHBISHOP CAPUCCI, WHOSE HEALTH SERIOUSLY DETERIORATING DUE TO "INHUMAN TREATMENT" RECEIVED IN ISRAELI PRISON.

4. PAPERS ALSO REPORT STATEMENT BY FAHMY REJECTING ANY INTERVENTION, EGYPTIAN, ARAB, OR FOREIGN, IN LEBANESE AFFAIRS, BUT EXPRESSING WILLINGNESS TO ATTEND "LIMITED ARAB SUMMIT" ON LEBANESE SITUATION SHOULD LEBANON FEEL IT NECESSARY TO CALL FOR SUCH A CONFERENCE. ACCORDING TO GUMHURIYYA, FAHMY SAID THAT "LEBANESE SHOULD USE THEIR BRAINS TO SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS," AND THAT THEIR DECISION SHOULD BE INSPIRED BY THEIR OWN INTERESTS WITHOUT ANY KIND OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION. OTHER PAPERS DO NOT RPT NOT REPORT THIS PORTION OF FAHMY'S REMARKS. (COMMENT: FAHMY'S REMARKS CONSISTENT WITH OFT-REITERATED GOE POSITION AGAINST ANY FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN LEBANON.)

IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, PRESS REPORTS THAT PARTICIPANTS IN SYMPOSITIUN ON WOMEN IN ISLAM, CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN CAIRO, ADDRESSED CABLES TO LEBANESE OFFICIALS DECEMBER 21 APPEALING FOR END TO BLOODSHEAD AND CALLING FOR RETURN TO NATIONAL UNITY IN LEBANON "UNDER BANNERS OF PEACE AND FRATERNITY."

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